

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-137**

**For:** County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1959**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director



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**1 Overview**

**A Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

**B Contact**

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact P. Gary Hatley, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, @ 501-301-3034 or e-mail: gary.hatley@ar.usda.gov

**2 Action**

**A Disaster Area**

Effective September 21, 2004, the following counties in Arkansas were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred on May 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004.

Ashley      Bradley      Calhoun      Drew

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**Disposal**

October 31, 2005

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**Distribution**

All County Offices

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### **2 Action (Continued)**

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Chicot	Dallas	Lincoln	Union
Cleveland	Desha	Ouachita	

### **B Application Processing**

Emergency loan applications will be received through May 23, 2005 and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1959.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, Paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is May 1, 2004.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

### **C Filing Instructions**

File in chronological order preceding 3-FLP.

**Exhibit 1**

**F**arm

**S**ervice

**A**gency

**NEWS**

United States

Department of Agriculture

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible for USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., September 21, 2004 – Secretary of Agriculture, Ann M. Veneman, approved the following counties to be eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency farm loans due to losses caused by excessive rain and flooding that occurred on May 1, 2004 through June 30, 2004:

Ashley      Bradley      Calhoun      Drew

In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

Chicot      Dallas      Lincoln      Union  
Cleveland      Desha      Ouachita

Farmers in the disaster areas have until May 23, 2005, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.